

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Been Girl Friday For 23 Years . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: I, for one, am mighty bored with the women who are sure their husbands are playing around with their secretaries. I've been a Girl Friday for 23 years and have known hundreds of secretaries. I can guarantee that there's a great deal less hanky-panky going on in offices than the busy-bodies would have you believe. If the wives of some of the great big round wheels only knew what their secretaries thought of their husbands they wouldn't worry so much — THE OL' LEVELER

Dear Leveler: You sound like the Voice of Authority. I'll take your word for it. I think.

Dear Ann Landers: I am not a snoopy mother. In fact I've gone out of my way to avoid prying because I know how teen-agers hate it.

Something happened yesterday, however, which just made me sick. I need your advice on what to do.

I was straightening up my daughter's room and came upon some scattered pieces of note paper. I didn't want to throw out anything of value, so I began to read. Before I realized it I discovered I was reading an exchange of notes between my daughter and a boy friend.

In my whole life I never read anything so vulgar. The words that appeared in the notes were downright filthy.

Is this something new — passing dirty notes back and forth in school? Perhaps I lived a sheltered life but I don't remember anything like this when I went to high school. I don't want her to think I snooped but I can't get it out of my mind.

Please advise me. — DISTRESSED

Dear Distressed: There's nothing new about this — not even the words.

Confront your daughter with the notes and tell her, not in a critical or scolding tone, but rather as a friend, that girls who use vulgar language or permit boys to talk to them in gutter terms merit cheap and common reputations. Let her know that if this is the image she is striving for she is on the right track.

Dear Ann Landers: I usually agree with you but I think you were off base in your reply to the wife whose husband wanted to go hunting with the boys on their wedding anniversary. You said, "His choice shows him to be a self-centered little boy—but let him go anyway."

It seems to me that if his wife had insisted he stay home with her merely because it was their anniversary, then SHE would be a "self-centered little girl."

If the hunting season were several weeks long, then I would agree with you. But it only lasts a couple of weeks, and the hunters have to hunt when the law says they can.

Don't you think you were a little brash, Ann? It would be mighty noble of you to accept 10 raps on the noggin with the butt of a deer rifle. — DEER FRIEND

Dear Deer: If it's all the same to you, Buster, I'd rather take five raps with a duck feather.

A girl who goes with a hunter would be wise to look to the future and select a wedding date which will not coincide with the hunting season. I recommend the Fourth of July. (Then he can go fishing.)

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In Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clayton and son, Ricky, are spending the holidays in Mesa, Ariz., where they are guests of Mrs. Clayton's sister, Mrs. R. B. Treize and family.

Holiday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Raphael and son, Mark, of San Jose are here visiting Mrs. Raphael's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright, 1532 El Prado.



WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE . . . Committee for the new year for the Triple T Dance Club was entertained at a gala dinner party given by the club's retiring committee. The affair was held at the Persian room in Wilmington recently. Enjoying the event are, pictured at top, from left, Mrs. Les King, the Dan Butchers, the Chris Sorensens and Mrs. Alex Wysocki. At right, the Bob Rojos, William Parsons and Les Kings, Committee members, not pictured, are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell. Retiring committee hosts were the Mitchells, William Parsons and Robert Rojos who remain on the committee for the coming year. (Herald Photos)

Baker-Collins Nuptials Read in Church Service

Double-ring ceremonies, Friday, Nov. 29, united Miss Beatrice Rossie Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Baker of Hawthorne and John William Collins, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Collins of Westchester.

The Rev. James Smythe of the Church of Christ, El Segundo, performed the rites at the Del Amo Christian Church in Torrance.

The bride wore a brocade gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and Empire waist. She wore a queen's crown in pearls and carried a bouquet of gardenias and orchids.

Feminine members of the bridal party wore blue taffeta gowns and carried white roses.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller was the matron of honor, Mrs. Neoma James was the bridesmaid.

Best man at the nuptial rites was James Nelson. The attendant was Steven Trip-

lett. Ushers were Frank James and Glenn Mitchell.

The newlyweds will make their home in Inglewood.

The bride was graduated from Leuzinger High School. Her husband graduated from Westchester High School. Both young people also studied at El Camino College and Pepperdine College.

Bridge Club Has Annual Yule Party

A local bridge club held its annual Christmas party and Thursday evening. The group assembled at the Palms Restaurant for dinner after which they went to the home of Mrs. Grover Whyte, 1620 Post Ave., for the gift exchange. The remainder of the evening was spent playing bridge.

In the group were Meses. Robert Lewellen, D. A. Murphy, J. B. Scotten, A. I. M. Smith, R. R. Smith, R. S. Sleeth, Whyte and Dean Sears.

Delta Zeta Alums To Hear Speaker

South Bay Delta Zeta Alumnae will hold its first 1964 meeting at the home of Mrs. Eldon Wright, 7521 Dunbarton Ave., Westchester, on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m.

Speaker for the evening will be Edsel Yarling, whose topic will be "Are Your Affairs In Order?" This will be a discussion on the making of wills.

All South Bay Delta Zeta Alumnae are cordially invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Eldon Wright, Westchester; Mrs. Jimmy L. Miller, Torrance; Mrs. Edsel Yarling, Palos Verdes Estates.

From Maryland

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Roberts, 21206 S. Vermont Ave., had as their guests for several days recently, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mabe of Hydesville, Md. From Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Mabe went to Las Vegas where they attended the Airlines convention. Mr. Mabe is with TWA.



DECK THE HALLS . . . Harbor General Hospital became a veritable Christmas wonderland during the past week as Volunteer groups of the area brought the glitter of Christmas to patients there. Trees were set up and decorated throughout the hospital. Candy-strippers doing their bit are, from left, Dee Blackman, 15, Aviation High school student; Dianne Wilson, 16, Narbonne High; and Linda Bruggeman, 15, Torrance High. (Herald Photo)

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MONA GLOVER . . . Future Bride

Announce Daughter's Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Glover, 2148 236th St., chose the Christmas holidays to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mona Lynne, to Arthur R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Johnson of Ojai, Calif.

The bride-elect, a 1963 graduate of Torrance High School, is employed at a beauty salon on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Her fiance was graduated from the Tustin High School in Tustin and attended Orange Coast College.

He is now serving with the United States Air Force stationed at the Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Husbands Are Guests at Club Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neff, 23426 Shadycroft was beautifully decorated for the annual Christmas party given by Mrs. Neff's bridge club with husbands as guests, last Friday evening. Co-hosts for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aiken.

At the close of the bridge games, high score prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Louvier. A midnight buffet supper was served at a table decorated in the holiday theme.

Attending with the Neffs and Aikens were Messrs. and Meses. J. G. Louvier, William Gardner, Lee Clotworthy, Clifford Treize, Robert Davis, William Bennett and Edwin Hatter.

Mrs. Clotworthy will be hostess to the regular bridge club meeting on Jan. 8.



THE ROYAL COURT . . . Miss Robin DuBe, center, newly-installed Honored Queen of Torrance Bethel 50, International Order of Job's Daughters, is flanked at the left by Miss Judy Osborn, junior princess, and at the right by Miss Karen Halquist, senior princess. New officers were installed at the Bethel's 73rd semi-annual installation Dec. 7 at the Torrance Masonic Temple. A reception and dance followed the installation. (Photography by Crotty)

Robin DuBe, Honored Queen

Miss Robin DuBe, 1751 Martina Ave. was installed as Honored Queen of Torrance Bethel 50, International Order of Job's Daughters, at its 73rd semi-annual installation on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Masonic Temple.

Other elective officers installed with her were Karen Halquist, senior princess; Judy Osborn, junior princess; Donna Hedrick, guide; and Robin Bingham, marshal.

Installing officers were Past Honored Queens, Carole Woodman, guide, Pattie Woodman, marshal, Judy Parker, recorder; Susan MacDougall and LaVerne Lewis, custodians; Georgia Powell, chaplain; Jean Strom, musician; and Donna Halquist, electrician.

Miss Midge David was installing Honored Queen. Preceding the entrance of the Bethel Choir and installing officers, Mrs. Barbara Pollard and Mrs. Charles Moore, guardian and associate guardian entered. As the Honored Queen-elect entered Miss Sandy Crabtree sang "When You Wish Upon a Star," theme for the evening.

As the Bible was brought in, Miss Crabtree sang "The Lord's Prayer" which was followed by the flag presentation. Rev. Milton Sipple gave the invocation and George Powell, the welcome. The installation of the officers and choir was followed by the Bible signing and benediction.

Appointive officers installed were Karen Bartholomeu, musician; Debbie Dahlen, recorder; Patty Moore, chaplain; Susan Harvey, and Barbara Dowdy, custodians; Linda Lenk, Betsey Foster, Cindy Bailey, Margaret Hayes, and Robin Major, messengers; Linda Wigg, librarian; Vicki Hayes, treasurer; Linda Hawley and Jan Eckersley, guards.

Others were Cheryl Barnett, assistant recorder; Debbie Agapito, electrician; Susan Bundy, banner bearer; and Kathy Yurkovich, obligation chairman.

Dinner Guests

Recent dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paxton were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paxton and three sons of Whittier, Mrs. Jane Smith and four children of Torrance and Mrs. Florence Adams of Los Angeles.

Visit Death Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Wright, 1532 El Prado, returned Saturday of last week from a week's vacation at Furnace Creek Inn in Death Valley.

Ann Landers' Christmas Message

'We Hear Talk of Peace, Good Will. Yet...'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Eight years ago Ann Landers wrote a special column for Christmas Day. Reader response was overwhelming and she has repeated the column annually—with some topical modifications. Here is Ann Landers' Christmas message for 1963. . . .

Today is Christmas. We hear talk of peace on earth and good will toward men. Yet we know that in some parts of the world there is no peace and in the hearts of men there is no good will.

Always there have been among us prophets of gloom and doom — those who have complained that civilization is out of joint—those who have given voice to a desire to resign from the human race. And there have been moments in history when the prophets could hardly be faulted. For who among us did not bow his head in shame last November 22 when our gallant leader was cut down by a sniper's bullet fired from a \$12.76 mail-order rifle?

What kind of world do we live in when the sweeping tide of history can be altered in a split second by a tortured and twisted mind? Where is the Good and Almighty God? Where is justice? We could spare THIS man least of all. An outraged world cries for the answers. But the answers can be found only in our hearts.

God is good. He is the architect of the master plan. There is method even in mad-

ness. Perhaps the death of the man with the wheat-colored hair and the mischievous Irish grin was part of a master plan to teach the world, with stunning impact, a philosophy of love and peace and equality and brotherhood.

Perhaps there was another lesson to be learned from this tragedy — that in religious faith there is strength and solace. The courage and self-possession of the magnificent widow and other members of this closely-knit family were rooted in religious faith. Every mother, wife, sister and brother felt something of their pain. Yet, mingled with our grief for our fallen chief was an overwhelming feeling of admiration for the quiet strength, the composure and the dignity of those closest to him.

Perhaps there is still another lesson to be learned — that trouble and death are the common denominators of living. No one escapes these handmaidens of earthly existence. On this Christmas day we should reflect on these things. We should reflect on life in this America of ours — and on the principles for which John Fitzgerald Kennedy lived and died.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, summed it up best when he said he didn't

believe it would matter much who got the first man to the moon if we dawdle here on earth, nursing prejudices, flouting our constitution, ignoring the central problems of our time and appearing hypocrites to all the world.

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